



## Ernest "Ernie" Eino Banttari

August 2, 1932 - October 1, 2012

Age 80 of Roseville passed away on October 1, 2012 with his wife at his side. Ernest was born in Bismarck, ND on August 2, 1932 to Jacob and Hilma Banttari. He is survived by wife Marlene (Salmela) of 47 years; siblings, Martha, Sigrid, Linda, Ina, Sylvia and Wayne. He is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Lempy Boss, seven brothers, Fred, Frances, Felix, Edward, Henry, Oscar and Reino. He spent his youth in Hibbing, MN where he attended junior college followed by undergraduate, Master's and PhD degrees from the University of Minnesota. In June 1965, he married Marlene Salmela prior to a sabbatical in Finland and The Netherlands. He spent a 33-year career in the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Minnesota, as a teacher, graduate student advisor, Director of Graduate Studies, and research in plant virology. Among his other interests were propagation of Minnesota winter hardy blueberries, which in cooperation with the Department of Horticulture, introduced two varieties to the University of Kuopio, Finland. He enjoyed hunting, canoe trips, wood-turning and their log cabin at Ely, Finnish language and culture. He was a long-term member on the Salolampi Foundation Board affiliated with the Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Bemidji, MN. Friends, colleagues and family are invited to a memorial gathering at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W. at Mackubin, Shoreview on Thursday, October 4th between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. A private family reunion memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts will be directed by the family to the Salolampi Foundation, note

scholarships; the University of Minnesota Foundation, Plant Pathology on the memo line or a charity of choice. An educator all of his life, Ernie will continue through his body donation to the University of Minnesota Bequest Program. The family appreciates the loving care given to Ernie at Clare Bridge of North Oaks.

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Marlene -*

*I was a graduate student in Plant Pathology from 1974-1980. I had Prof. Banttari for several classes. I learned a lot from his classes and was glad to have had him as a professor. Best Wishes to you at this time of loss.*

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**Kathy Widin** - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *We plan to donate to the Finnish camp in lieu of flowers. Aunt Marlene, you have our prayers and for Uncle Ernie - may you be at peace.a  
HLK*

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**Grace and Rob Kuphal** - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Great Uncle*

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**Paul Bamttari** - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Marlene - we wish to extend our sympathy to you on the loss of your husband.*

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**Naemi Huhta & Dagmar Siltala** - October 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ So sorry about your loss Marlene. Gary Bergman let us know a short time ago. I'm sure it has been difficult losing a little at a time.

*May the Lord be with you, and God's peace go with you.*

*Bob and Verniel Latto*

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**Robert and Verniel Latto** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We are saddened to learn of Ernie's death. We were gone for a few days to the North Shore and Evie called us. We returned on Wednesday and plan on being at the service on Thursday.

*Ernie has been such a great guy and we have many fond memories of him, especially when he was at the RR events. Margaret, being an only child, can't even begin to imagine what it was like to grow up in a family of 17. She always wished she had a brother. I had 3 siblings but --.*

*Laurel*

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**Laurel & Margaret** - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Marlene, Sorry to hear of Ernie's passing but we know he is in a better place. He was a very special person who helped many thorough out his life time. You are in my prayers and thoughts. Sorry I can't make it to the memorial but I will be there in thought. See you in a couple of weeks.

*Ellen Erkel*

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**Ellen Erkel** - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Marlene,

*We wanted to write you to let you know how saddened we were to hear that Dr. Banttari had passed away. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend his memorial service but we want to express our deepest sympathy to you and the rest of his family.*

*It will always bring back great memories when I remember our work together on potato diseases, his enthusiasm to science and teaching, the visits to your home in Roseville or to your cabin in Ely Minnesota and many other memorable times we spent together. We will always keep him in best of our memories.*

*Our warmest regards,*

*Silvia and Laszlo*

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**Laszlo Gyenis and Silvia Penuela** - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Cousin of Marlene. God Bless the memory of Ernie.

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**Russ & Darlene Wright** - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Ernest "Ernie" Eino Banttari

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**Glen Backman** - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM